

City of Columbia Council Meeting – May 3, 2023

CALL MEETING TO ORDER – 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL – Cara Dennert, Corey Mitchell, Cole Kampa, Trevor Meints, Emily Eichler, Meghan Butler
Community – Rod Tobin, Brent, Don, Linda Raba, Jeremy Dosch, Sydney Hanna, Julie Lillis, Julie Larson,
Kathy Vitense

Corey Mitchell called the meeting to order. He called for a motion to approve the agenda. Emily Eichler made a motion to approve the posted agenda. Cole Kampa seconded the motion. All in favor – motion carried. Corey Mitchell called for any conflict of interest on agenda items. There were no conflicts. Minutes were passed out from the April 10th meeting. Trevor Meints made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Meghan Butler seconded the motion. All in favor – motion carried. Minutes were passed out from April 11th Election canvassing meeting. Meghan Butler made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Emily Eichler seconded the motion. All in favor – motion carried.

Warrant Vouchers: Jeremy Dosch – April wages – 419.99; Cara Dennert – April wages – 1235.25; Corey Mitchell - snow removal & rental April – 316.03; Trevor Meints – snow removal April - 185.29; Cole Kampa – snow removal & rental April – 420.58; Menards – 329.91; JGE – skid steer service– 236.82; GDI- publication – 327.85; Dacotah Bank – shop supplies, fuel – 107.98

Cara Dennert stated that she had inadvertently left out a couple invoices from Menards – the new total is reflected above. Meghan Butler made a motion to accept the vouchers as corrected. Cole Kampa seconded the motion. All in favor – motion carried.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS /CORRESPONDENCE DANR – Surface Water Discharge Permit Renewal App.& Compliance Inspection Report;

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – baseball field update Dacotah bank baseball account is now closed out

Nuisances - Rod Tobin was present advising us on our policies for nuisance issues. He encouraged us to set fines for the following areas. We are updating our ordinances to include the following fees: setting fines for chickens - \$50 per chicken per day, junk vehicles - \$100 per car plus cost of removal, junk in yards - \$75 per day plus cost of 3rd party clean up. The ordinances will be amended at the next city council meeting.

Streets – B&B Contracting bladed the streets – they are looking good. Bids were collected for gravel. Shane Johnson presented a (Johnson Rocks & Gravel) bid of \$12.50 a ton barring fuel surcharge. Cole Kampa made a motion to accept his bid. Trevor Meints seconded the motion. All were in favor – motion carried. Shane Moser presented a bid for culvert replacement & ditch work on the north end of town of \$13,699. We also had a bid from Liens of \$14,215. Meghan Butler made a motion to accept Shane’s bid. Trevor Meints 2nd the motion. All were in favor – motion carried.

Parks - Corey collected bids regarding the mowing of the ball park and new city park. It will come out to \$1700 a week to mow everything. He will get this information to the Columbia groups that are meeting tomorrow night. We will also look into our Parks budgets over the past few years.

Lagoon/sewer - Meghan will be taking a sample tomorrow to get sent off.

Rubble Site – The site has been inspected.

NEW BUSINESS - Ted Dickey from NECOG was present at the meeting. He explained that the Raba family has been contacted by the state regarding underground tanks – tanks that qualify for removal under state one time funding. The state is trying to clean up 15 sites state wide that meet this criteria. Ted is filling out the application for the state – still a work in progress. Rod & Ted discussed the liability issues. Ted will bring more answers to our June meeting. Ted asked if we had any other concerns. Corey mentioned that he has been looking into applying for the FEMA funds for flood damage for our lagoon. Jeremy has taken measurements and pictures of the site. Corey will also be talking with Scott about the issue. Julie, Sydney, and Julie were present to tell us about what some of the Columbia committees are up to. The Columbia Cares group is having a Clean Up Day on May 20th. There is going to be a Yard of the Month contest – judged the 15th of the summer months. There was also some information on the Columbia Fest – set for July 29th. Emily Eicher

stated that she will be holding Summer Rec on Tuesday or Thursdays this summer. Corey Mitchell was sworn in as Mayor.

FINANCIAL REPORT – Cara Dennert presented bank balances. She alerted the council that a CD will be coming mature next week and will be added to the CD Dacotah Bank account at that time. Trevor Meints made a motion to accept the financial reports as given. Meghan Butler seconded the motion. All were in favor – motion carried.

April 31, 2023 balances: SF - \$ 154,306.94\$; SF Money Market –\$50,150.86; GF - \$ 168,944.80; GF Money Market - \$50,150.86; CD Money Market - \$ 28,125.29; Baseball Fund - \$0; FIT - \$ 14,301.11

Cash on hand - \$0

Mayor Corey Mitchell declared the meeting adjourned.

Next Regular City Council Meeting – June 14, 2023 7:00 p.m. (Rescheduled from the 7th because of Finance Officer School.)

Submitted by Cara Dennert, Finance Officer

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